

Figures 1 & 2 depict the system in use with a user engaged with the belt which is engaged with a chair with an elbow support. Figure one shows the system assembled and figure two shows the belt with different attachments for the chair as well as the elbows.

Figure 3 indicates that shoulder straps are added as an option to figure 2 and figures 4 and 5 read on figure 3. Consequently it is unclear why the Examiner considers figure 5 patently distinct and Applicant would request that the Examiner reconsider that observation.

Figure 6 simply depicts the device of figure 1 showing the attachable elbow supports and having an added torso support that engages the distal ends of the belt of figure 1. Applicant would request that the Examiner reconsider the position this is a distinct species.

Figure 7 simply shows the elbow support attachment shown in figures 1 & 2 and Figure 6. It is an attachment to the embodiments of the device to support elbows as shown in figure 1 with the added feature of rotational adjustment from its attachment to the belt in figures 1 -6. It is unclear how this component of the disclosed belt system is separate.

Figure 9 shows the belt of the other figures with an optional torso attachment. This torso attachment engages with the belt of the other figures as an option.

Figure 13 shows the same torso attachment of figure which engages with the belts which are shown in all the variants of the device.

Figure 14 shows the same rotatable elbow adjustment of figure 7 with a padded upper surface. The removable elbow supports are engageable with the belts in the various other figures.

All of the figures show parts of the system claimed in generic claims 1 & 2 and engageable as part of the entire system in its various configurations described in the specification.

It is submitted therefor that since all claims depend from generic claim 1 and dependant claim 2, that there is a disclosed relationship between all the various employable components shown in the other figures to the generic device of claims 1 and 2.

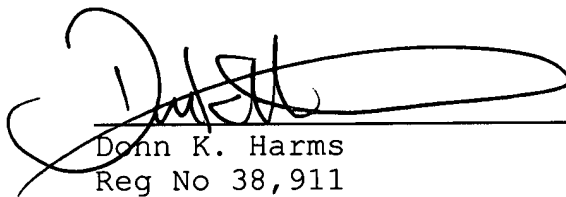
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In the event that no generic claim is held allowable, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of figures 1 & 2.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as he deems necessary to protect the inventions of the other figures and noted species in the application. This election is made without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any further questions or concerns the Examiner wishes to address by Examiner's amendment by telephone or otherwise, or should the Examiner have suggestions to more clearly define the subject matter of the claims to more clearly define the patentable subject matter, the Applicant's attorney would be most receptive to such.

Respectfully submitted,

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